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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-35. (canceled)

Claim 36. (previously presented): Digital photo delivery system comprising:
at least one wireless digital camera apparatus, wherein each said apparatus includes a processor, a memory, and a destination address and one or more previously defined recipient codes stored in said memory; user interface connected to said processor for at least displaying one or more said recipient codes and receiving signals indicating user selection of a displayed recipient code; a digital camera connected to said processor for capturing one or more digital images in response to signals from said user interface; a RF communications device connected to said processor; and processor control means, responsive to signals received from said user interface, for transmitting a message, including at least said selected recipient code and one said digital image, to said destination address via said RF communications device; and
a server associated with said destination address and responsive to messages received at said destination address from each said wireless digital camera apparatus; server memory storing account configuration data including recipient code data; server communications means; and server control means for parsing said recipient code from each said message and processing each said message according to said account configuration data associated with said recipient code, and for transmitting account configuration data including at least one recipient code to at least one said wireless digital camera apparatus; and

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wherein said processor control means of each said wireless digital camera apparatus is responsive to receiving account configuration data transmitted from said server to update said memory of said wireless digital camera apparatus with at least a portion of said account configuration data.

Claim 37. (previously presented): A method for archiving and distributing digital images using a digital apparatus with wireless packet data network access and image capture capabilities, comprising:
capturing digital images with the digital apparatus;
transmitting a message including at least one digital image and at least one code to a predefined remote server;
parsing the message at the server and processing each image according to each code, by at least
selecting from a database on said server at least one set of recipients corresponding to said code, each set including at least one recipient; and
sending a message to each recipient within said selected set of recipients with instructions for accessing said at least one image.

Claim 38. (previously presented): A method for archiving and distributing digital images using a digital apparatus with wireless packet data network access and image capture capabilities, comprising:
capturing digital images with the digital apparatus;
transmitting a message including at least one digital image and at least one code to a predefined remote server;
parsing the message at the server and processing each image according to each code, by at least

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selecting from a database on said server at least one set of recipients corresponding to said code, each set including at least one recipient; and
sending a message including said at least one image to each recipient within said selected set of recipients.

Claims 39-49. (canceled)

Claim 50. (New): A server method for processing messages received from one or more remote digital camera devices, comprising:
receiving a message with at least one processing code and at least one digital image from a remote digital camera device;
parsing the message and processing each message according to each code, by at least
selecting from a database on said server at least one set of recipients corresponding to said code, each set including at least one recipient; and
sending at least one image from within said message to each recipient within said selected set of recipients.

Claim 51. (New): A server method for processing messages received from one or more remote digital camera devices, comprising:
receiving a message with at least one processing code and at least one digital image from a remote digital camera device;
parsing the message and processing each message according to each code, by at least

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selecting from a database on said server at least one destination address corresponding to said code; and
saving at least one digital image from within said message at said at least one destination address.

Claim 52. (New): A wireless digital camera apparatus, comprising:
a digital camera including at least a processor, a user interface, and a memory; an RF communications device connected to said processor;
a remote server address stored in said memory; and
processor control means for
a) automatically establishing a persistent link between said RF communications device and an external network whenever the processor detects that the external network is not available; and
b) in response to a signal from said user interface, 1) capturing a digital image, 2) formatting a message including at least one said digital image, and 3) transmitting each said message to said remote server via said external network.

Claim 53. (New): Apparatus of claim 52, wherein said memory further includes at least one previously defined recipient code, said user interface further comprises means for selecting a recipient code from said memory, and said message further includes said recipient code.

Claim 54. (New): Apparatus of claim 52, wherein said user interface further comprises means for entering a recipient address, and said message further includes said recipient address.

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Claim 55. (New): Apparatus of claim 54, wherein said means for entering a recipient address comprises a microphone and voice recognition module.

Claim 56. (New): Apparatus of claim 52, wherein said user interface further comprises means for selecting a classification for said digital image, and said message further includes said classification.

Claim 57. (New): Apparatus of claim 52, wherein said user interface further comprises means for creating a digital audio recording, and said message further includes said digital audio recording.

Claim 58. (New): Apparatus of claim 52, wherein said memory further includes a user identifier, and wherein said message further includes said user identifier.

Claim 59. (New): A wireless digital apparatus, comprising:
a processor; a memory connected to said processor that contains at least a previously established configuration table and an address associated with a remote server;
user interface means connected to said processor for at least displaying a list of recipient codes stored in said configuration table and receiving signals indicating user selection of at least one recipient code from the displayed list;
a digital camera connected to said processor;
an RF communications device connected to said processor; and
processor control means, responsive to signals received from said user interface means, for transmitting one or more messages, including at least said one recipient code and at least one digital image captured by said digital camera, to said remote server via said RF communications device.

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Claim 60. (New): Digital apparatus of claim 59, wherein said RF communications device comprises a modem capable of establishing a connection to an external network according to at least two protocols, and automatically selecting an appropriate protocol depending on external network availability.

Claim 61. (New): Digital photo delivery system comprising:
at least one wireless digital camera apparatus, wherein each said apparatus includes a processor, a memory, and a destination address and one or more previously defined recipient codes stored in said memory; user interface means connected to said processor for at least displaying one or more said recipient codes and receiving signals indicating user selection of a displayed recipient code; a digital camera means connected to said processor for capturing one or more digital images in response to signals from said user interface means; a RF communications device connected to said processor; and processor control means, responsive to signals received from said user interface means, for transmitting a message, including at least said selected recipient code and one said digital image, to said destination address via said RF communications device; and
a server associated with said destination address and responsive to messages received at said destination address from each said wireless digital camera apparatus; server memory storing account configuration data including recipient code data; server communications means; and server control means for parsing said recipient code from each said message and processing each said message according to said account configuration data associated with said recipient code.

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Claim 62. (New): A method for archiving and distributing digital images using a digital apparatus with wireless packet data network access and image capture capabilities, comprising:
capturing digital images with the digital apparatus;
transmitting a message including at least one digital image and at least one code to a predefined remote server;
parsing the message at the server and processing each image according to each code.

Claim 63. (New): Method of Claim 62, wherein processing the images further comprises:
selecting at least one set of recipients corresponding to said code to whom said at least one image is to be sent, each set including at least one recipient; and
sending a message including said at least one image to each selected set of recipients.

Claim 64. (New): Method of Claim 62, wherein said message further includes at least an account identifier.

Claim 65. (New): A method for archiving and distributing digital images using a digital apparatus with wireless packet data network access and image capture capability, comprising the steps of:
capturing a digital image file and saving it in the apparatus memory with a file name including at least one code;
transmitting said digital image file to a predefined remote server;
parsing the file name at the server and processing the images according to each said code.

Claim 66. (New): Method of Claim 65, wherein said file name further includes an account identifier.

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Claim 67. (New): A method in a wireless digital camera apparatus including at least a processor connected to an RF communications device, a user interface, and a memory including the address of a remote server, comprising:

- a) establishing a link between said RF communications device and an external communication network when the apparatus is first activated and thereafter whenever the processor detects that the link is not available, and**
- b) in response to a signal from said user interface,**
 - 1) capturing a digital image,**
 - 2) formatting a message including at least said digital image, and**
 - 3) transmitting each said message to said remote server via said external network.**

Claim 68. (New): A method in a wireless digital camera apparatus including at least a processor connected to an RF communications device, a user interface, and a memory, comprising the steps of:

- a) displaying on the user interface representations of one or more recipients to whom one or more images are to be distributed;**
- b) receiving a first user input indicating selection of a representation displayed on the user interface;**
- c) selecting address data, corresponding to the representation indicated by the first user input, from a configuration table in said memory; and**
- d) in response to each second user input from the user interface,**
 - 1) capturing a digital image, and**
 - 2) formatting a message including at least said image, and**
 - 3) transmitting said message via said RF communications device to a remote system associated with said address data.**

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Claim 69. (New): A method in a data processing system for processing a digital image at a location remotely located from the image capture location, comprising:
a) receiving a digital image from a digital camera; and
b) in response to receiving each digital image, automatically performing the steps of (1) formatting a message, including at least said digital image and a preselected code, and (2) transmitting said message to a remote server associated with a predetermined destination address, and
c) processing each said message on said remote server according to data that is associated on said remote server with the code in said message.

Claim 70. (New): Method of Claim 69, wherein said processing further including parsing the image from said message and printing the image at a location associated with the code.

Claim 71. (New): A method for initializing a wireless rental digital camera device with user data, comprising:
establishing a user id and associated user data on a server;
associating said wireless rental digital camera device with said user data;
and
transmitting at least some of said user data to said rental digital camera device.

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Claim 72. (New) A digital camera comprising:

**a mechanism for forming one or more images; and
a distribution mechanism configured to distribute the one or more images
from the digital camera to another location by:
displaying on a user interface component of the digital camera,
graphics representations of one or more recipients to whom one or
more images are to be distributed;
receiving user input indicating selection of a graphic representation
displayed on the user interface;
storing, in the digital camera, data corresponding to the graphic
representation indicated by the user input;
distributing the data, with the next image formed by the digital camera,
to a networked computing device.**